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SUBJ: SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR COMMENTS ON AFRO-ARAB MINISTERIAL  
SAHARA, AND RELATIONS WITH LIBYA

REF: A) DAKAR 2370, B) DAKAR 2360

1. SUMMARY: SENGHOR HOPES THAT AFRO-ARAB MINISTERIAL WILL  
KEEP TO NON-POLITICAL AGENDA. HE PLANS CONTINUED EFFORT  
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AFTER MINISTERIAL TO MOVE HASSAN, BOUMEDIENNA AND OULD DADDAH

CLOSER TO SOLUTION ON SAHARAN ISSUE, BUT HE IS HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING RABAT AND NOUAKCHOTT TO MAKE TOKEN CONCESSIONS ON REFERENDUM. SENGHOR CONSIDERS SENEGAL'S CONTACTS WITH LIBYA TO BE STILL IN EXPLORATORY STATE DURING RECENT VISIT, GOS PRIME MINISTER DIOUF FOUND QADHAFI TO BE DISTURBING FANATIC. END SUMMARY

2. DURING APRIL 17 MEETING WITH AMBASSAODR, SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR SAID HE HOPED APRIL 19-22 AFRO-ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN DAKAR WOULD ADHERE TO NON-POLITICAL AGENDA. HE SAID HE HAD DELAYED HIS EUROPEAN VISIT THREE DAYS SO THAT HE COULD TALK TO A NUMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH THAT GOAL IN MIND AND WOULD ALSO TRY TO SET THAT TONE IN HIS OPENING SPEECH (SENGHOR DEPARTS APRIL 19 FOR VISITS TO IRAN AND ROMANIA WITH STOP IN FRANCE).

3. WHEN I ASKED WHAT PROGRESS HAD COME IN HIS MEDIATION EFFORTS IN SAHARA DISPUTE, SENGHOR SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER IF HE DID NOT TALK ABOUT IT. HOWEVER, ALGERIANS HAD ACCEPTED SENEGALESE ASSISTANCE IN QUEST OF FACE-SAVING SOLUTION. PROBLEM NOW WAS THAT MOROCCAN ARMY WAS ANXIOUS TO PROVE ITS CONFIDENCE AND HE WAS HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY GETTING RABAT AND NOUAKCHOTT TO MAKE TOKEN CONCESSIONS IN DIRECTION OF SOME SORT OF REFERENDUM. HIS PLAN SOUGHT SOLUTION OF REFERENDUM WHICH WOULD LEAD TO FORMER RIO DE ORO BECOMING TWO AUTONOMOUS REGIONS, ONE EACH WITHIN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA. HE CITED NOT TOO HAPPY MODEL OF ERITREAS RELATIONSHIP TO ETHIOPIA. AFTER AFRO-ARAB MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK WOULD CARRY CAREFULLY PREPARED LETTERS FROM SENGHOR TO KING HASSAN AND PRESIDENTS OULD DADDAH AND BOUMEDIENNE WHICH SHOULD MOVE THEM CLOSER TO SAHARAN SOLUTION. SENGHOR WOULD ALSO BE IN TOUCH WITH UN SYG WALDHEIM ON PROBLEM.

4. ON SENEGAL'S RELATIONS WITH LIBYA, IN WAKE OF PRIME MINISTER DIOUF'S RECENT VISIT TO TRIPOLI, SENGHOR SAID CONTACTS WERE REALLY STILL IN EXPLORATORY STATE. DIOUF HAD FOUND PRIME MINISTER JALLOUD A MAN CAPABLE OF DIALOGUE, BUT HE FOUND QADHAFI A DISTURBING FANATIC. RELATIONS WOULD PROCEED SLOWLY; JALLOUD WOULD BE INVITED TO RETURN DIOUF'S VISIT  
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PROBABLY NEXT YEAR. CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN, MEANWHILE, TO A SENGHOR VISIT TO TRIPOLI IN 1978.  
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